

# **Missouri Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**

**June 6, 2001**

## Attendees:

Bob Kirkman, Jackson County Wheelmen  
Martin Pion, Lab LCI/Conservion  
John Murnell, SCOCOG  
David Bedan, Audobon, Missouri  
Angela Herman, Missouri Dept. of Health  
Willard Worts, Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education  
Mike Murray, USA Cycling, Inc.  
Lisa Dillon, DNR Division State Parks  
Lee Orth,, Branson Schools/ Chamber of Commerce  
Lisa Holliday, CGPFH  
Tom Netzer, Ozark Greenways  
Terry Whaley, Springfield MPO  
David Edwards, FHWA  
Arnold Meysenburg, Conservation Federation  
Steve McLuckie,  
Dennis Scott, MoDOT

- I. INTRODUCTIONS were made. Dennis Scott made an announcement that he will be leaving MoDOT and transferring to Delaware DOT. A special thanks was extended to him for the hard work that he has done putting together the committee. Questions were raised about a replacement for his position, but no plans have been made as of yet. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting, that motion was seconded. Minutes were approved.
- II. LEGISLATIVE SESSION- John Cauwenberg reported on this past legislative session and discussed some areas pertinent to MoDOT. New legislation included enforcing stiffer penalties on repeat drunk drivers. States that don't comply with this new legislation must transfer federal highway construction funds to state highway programs that benefit drunk driving enforcement or improve intersection for pedestrians. Other legislation also included providing additional funding for safe workzones and allowing speed limits to be posted on bridges. Highway Patrol are now allowed to penalize motorists for crossing highway medians in places other than approved locations. Some legislation that didn't pass included installing cameras at intersections and restricting the construction of tall buildings around airports. Legislation that directly affects the bicycle/pedestrian community that was passed included allowing bicyclists/pedestrians that were struck in crosswalks to sue and receive a minimum of \$500 in damages from the state. This amount would include a court's assessment of damages. Also passed was a bill that would dedicate a portion of sales tax to improve bike/ped crossings. State and local cooperation fund that was passed includes advocating bike/ped funds for cities

and counties. There was some discussion on how these new laws would directly affect the bike/ped program.

### III. LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

- A. Todd Ashby reported on the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The final draft of the plan was presented last week to the Commission for review. There were concerns raised about the budget. There was further discussion on how bike/ped funding could be better used. The LRTP includes improvements for bike/ped crossings, additional lanes, and other related bike/ped concerns. Todd directed any suggestions or comments to the Commission. A motion was made and seconded that the bike/ped advisory committee make recommendations to MoDOT and the FHWA concerning any bike/ped issues. Motion was passed.
- B. Dennis Scott updated on the Standards, Inventory, and Routes teams. The Standards team has taken on the responsibility of sketching some bike/ped policies. The Inventory team has begun to assess the capabilities and resources that the bike/ped program has in an attempt to improve the efficiency of the program. This team also coincides with the Pavement Management program. A summer intern employed by MoDOT assesses the ARAN videotape. The ARAN van is a tool used by MoDOT and Pavement Management to assess the road conditions by using cameras to videotape the pavement. Results from this data are used by the bike/ped program. The Route team deals with such areas as the Katy Trail and other facilities used by bike/ped. Efforts are being made by these committees to develop policies with Maintenance to pave shoulders and create more “bike/ped friendly” intersections and crossings.

IV. GOVERNOR’S FITNESS CHALLENGE- Lisa Holliday reported on the Governor’s Fitness Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to encourage Missourians to bike or walk the total number of miles of Missouri’s roadways. The goal of this challenge is to get all of Missouri involved in the fitness/bike/ped program.

V. MPO REPORTS- Kansas City MPO reported that they now have a full time Bike/ped coordinator. This coordinator will take over Marlene Nagel’s position on the committee as she has other personal situations to deal with. East-West Gateway also has a new bike/ped coordinator and is updating their regional bicycle facilities program. St. Joseph is preparing a bike/ped program.

VI. CONFLUENCE GREENWAY- New legislation is allowing for a portion of sales tax to be used to fund at least 20 miles of bike/ped trails around the state over the next 5 years. The past weekend was Natural Trails Day and Greenways was able to close the gap between two sections of trail that have been in existence for several years. Several rail trails were discussed and how they affect landowners. Also, Laura Cohen reported on some Greenway issues. Thirty-six million dollars has been set back for bike/ped projects.

Several suggestions were put forth about enhancement projects and issues concerning MoDOT. A motion was made and passed to try and allocate funds towards enhancement to complete the Katy Trail.

- VII. STREET SMARTS- Martin Pion reported on the Street Smarts program. The bike/ped program was able to get 19,000 copies of the Street Smarts booklet for distribution. High praise has been given to this program. Martin suggested that 1,000 copies of this should be distributed into the public so that feedback can be gained on the effectiveness of this program.
- VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING- An effort needs to be made to create better communication between MoDOT and the bike/ped advisory committee. Organizational planning is a big part of the effectiveness of the committee. Strengths and weaknesses of the committee were discussed. Focus is going to be put on gaining internal and external resources. A decision was made to Schedule a meeting to discuss strategic planning on a more thorough basis. With Dennis Scott leaving MoDOT, the committee has expressed an interest in participating in finding a replacement bike/ped coordinator. Attached is a brainstorming list of some qualifications that the committee seems appropriate for the new coordinator. It was also suggested that members of this committee also take an active role in the interviewing process.

## Role of Bike/Ped Coordinator

Advocate within MODOT for bicycle and pedestrian projects and for inclusion in all MODOT projects.

Active cyclist/walker

Member of Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals [www.apbp.org](http://www.apbp.org)

Moderate among differing demands (road vs. trails, etc.)

Review current job description (MODOT and other DOTs)

Ability to communicate with senior management at MODOT

Have an advisory committee member on the interview board for new bike/ped coordinator

Ability to cope with ambiguity

Coordinate the review and comments on all transportation projects

Train MODOT staff on bike/ped issues

Liaison with communities statewide on bike/ped issues

Promote adherence to MODOT bike/ped policies

Knowledge of on road cycling (Effective Cycling-League of American Bicyclists)

Effective internal bike/ped lobbyist within MODOT

Check ISTEA/TEA21 wording, APBP website and sample job descriptions from FHWA

Interface with other local, state, and federal agencies

Energize and organize with a variety of bike/ped organizations

Ability to work with the legislature and the Governor's office

Have MODOT Director introduce new bike/ped coordinator to the advisory committee at a meeting

